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SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. What this \$1.4 million is to be used for may be of useful information to the members of this body. In other words, why do we need it ... why do they need it? Right now we are funding the FTE ... every FTE equivalent student in the community colleges with state aid to the tune of \$1,028 per student, per FTE student, that's full-time equivalency student. In the projections from all six regions they anticipate there will be 1503 new students in the forthcoming year. If you multiply 1503 students, new ones, by \$1028 you get \$1,545,084. You'll notice that we're only putting on \$1.4 million so we're not giving them the full \$1,028 for each new projected student. If those projections are optimistic we've backed off \$145,084 already. So we are being very conservative in our \$1.4 million. I might also add that you'll recall I said awhile ago that this year we're operating in now we gave \$11.6. The Committee amendments, as they are adopted right now, is \$11.6. Not \$1 of increase. So this \$1.4 million would be the only increase for community colleges. The actual percentage increase in this case is approximately 13 percent increase of the enrollment which would be approximately the same for the dollar amount. I think with that explanation we could just adopt the amendment as amended by Senator Lewis' amendment. It's in good shape now.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would hope that we would adopt this amendment. We have a projection of approximately 1500 new students throughout the tech college areas in the next year. The additional money is going to be needed. We talk about the tuition. It is rather low now. In some instances they're going to have the opportunity to add some additional money on the local level in order to enhance their programs further. If they would go up another \$1.50 credit term this would probably raise around \$600,000, so they would be able to do everything that they would want to in the budget they've asked. This will give them the incentive on the local level to do that.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I think we understand what the issue is and what the question is. I don't prefer for a rehash of 344. I'd ask for the previous question.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Previous question has been asked for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of closing debate vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Debate has now ceased. Senator Clark.